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Revised roadway widening agreement maximizes project efficiency

SAN BERNARDINO – A revised agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday rolls planned street improvements into an ongoing sewer project in unincorporated Fontana to maximize efficiency.

The San Bernardino County Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and Prologis, a large developer in the Speedway Redevelopment Area, had agreed to jointly fund improvements on San Bernardino Avenue, including rebuilding a badly deteriorated railroad crossing and widening the roadway.

The improvements were scheduled to be completed earlier this year; however, the RDA and Prologis held off after learning the City of Fontana was starting a \$25 million sewer trunkline project that requires major excavation and roadwork on San Bernardino Avenue. The city began work on the project in June.

"Tearing up San Bernardino Avenue twice for two projects that were only a few months apart didn't make sense, so we initiated talks with the city and Prologis to see how we could do things efficiently," Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane said.

Under the revised agreement, the City of Fontana will construct the planned improvements on San Bernardino Avenue during the installation of the sewer trunkline between Beech Avenue and Commerce Drive. In return, the RDA will provide the city with \$510,000 for the project, and Prologis will cover all additional costs.

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